

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 13, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 621

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 621 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to decrease the amount of waste flowing into the ocean and protect the State's marine environment by gradually prohibiting the manufacture and sale of personal care products containing synthetic plastic microbeads.

The Surfrider Foundation and the Surfrider Foundation Oahu Chapter, Rise Above Plastics Coalition, Beach Environmental Awareness Campaign Hawaii, Animal Rights Hawaii, Conservation Council for Hawaii, and several concerned individuals supported this measure. The American Chemistry Council, Personal Care Products Council, and Consumer Healthcare Products Association supported this measure with amendments. The Department of Health opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the timeframe to gradually prohibit the manufacture and sale of personal care products containing synthetic plastic microbeads, beginning December 31, 2017, through December 31, 2019;



- (2) Specifying that the State's gradual prohibition of synthetic plastic microbeads will preempt any ordinance or resolution of a municipality, county or any other local government entity concerning synthetic plastic microbeads; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 621, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 621, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 621	Committee Referral: EEP, OMH, CPC	Date: 2/10/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
2. LOWEN, Nicole E. (VC)	✓			
3. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	✓			
4. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
5. ING, Kaniela	✓			
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
7. SAY, Calvin K.Y.	✓			
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
9. POUHA, Feki	✓			
10. THIELEN, Cynthia	✓			
TOTAL (10)	10	0	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Nicole E. Lowen</u>				
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